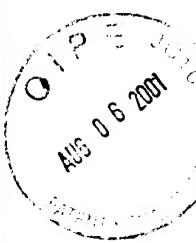


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Sir:

The Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos.: 09/517,649, entitled BI-STABLE MICRO SWITCH by Hichwa et al., Notice of Allowance mailed May 21, 2001, Batch No. G53; 09/517,650, entitled TAPERED LENSED FIBER OPTICAL SWITCH by Hichwa and Duelli; and 09/517,913, entitled METHOD OF ACTUATING MEMS SWITCHES by Hichwa et al.; all three of which were filed March 3, 2000, and each of which is assigned to Optical Coating Laboratory, Inc., an assignee of the present application. A copy of each of the three above-referenced applications is enclosed.

As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this Statement, and no representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

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The Applicants believe that no fee is required for submission of this Statement because it is believed that it is being submitted prior to the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3). However, if a fee is required, the undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge the necessary fee, or credit any overpayment, to USPTO Deposit Account No. 50-0891, and respectfully requests the references to be considered under 37 CFR 1.97(c)(2).

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